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## NOTES AND NEWS

A very unfortunate accident which might easily have resulted even more seriously has incapacitated Mr. Wm. L. Finley for further camera work this summer. Messrs. Finley and Bohlman went to San Clemente Island on May 21st, and the next day were provided with horses by the sheep-herders resident on the Island. A search was begun in the afternoon for the purpose of locating bald eagle and osprey nests in convenient positions for photographing. Finley had found a satisfactory eagles' nest, and was on his way back at a rapid gait to intercept Bohlman, when the horse he was riding stumbled and fell headlong, throwing Finley violently face downward against the ground. His lower jaw was fractured in two places, several teeth broken, tongue and face badly lacerated, and left wrist sprained, besides numerous lesser bruises. With all this injury, Finley was able to remount his horse and get back to camp where Bohlman found him and took him in charge. A launch ride of twenty-five miles at night over a rough sea to Avalon, and the steamer and railroad trip to a Los Angeles hospital the next day, were followed by the sewing up of wounds and setting of bones without the use of anaesthetics. This is surely a case of GRIT! The hardships and risks entailed in obtaining the photos and life histories which have appeared in THE CONDOR and other magazines are scarcely realizable by the comfortable reader. And yet they are not feared by the field naturalist,

whose very enthusiasm seems to render him blind to dangers. Finley, who is now mending rapidly, says: "We have had to give up the eagles for this year, but I'll get them yet. I believe there are great chances on Clemente."

Mr. Robert E. Snodgrass, who was in San Francisco at the time of the disaster and lost nearly all his possessions, is back at his old home in Ontario, San Bernardino County. He is doing some line drawings of birds and nests, for a forth-coming book by Jordan and Kellogg.

The Audubon Society of California was formally organized at the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, May 31, 1906. This regular State organization will cooperate with the National Committee of Audubon Societies at New York, and also have general supervision over the work of the local societies. An important meeting is planned for the early autumn when a definite plan of work will be decided upon. The officers elected at the initial meeting were: President, David Starr Jordan; Vice-Presidents, Prof. C. F. Holder and Dr. F. W. D'Evelyn; Secretary, W. Scott Way. It is the purpose of this organization to further the protection of our native birds in every way possible, to distribute educational leaflets among our schools, and to acquaint young people with bird-life in general, so that it may be respected and cherished. A very commendable endeavor is that to urge the establishment of forest reserves as game refuges, where no hunting whatever will be allowed at any time.

We learn that the "Auk Index" is in the hands of the printer. The work was compiled under the direction of Dr. Dwight who has been occupied upon it for several years. Its great value is realized by those who have had to search for records of a bird thru the indexes of the 30 volumes of *The Auk* which have appeared up to 1906, a tedious process when it has to be often repeated.

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